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FOR: DATA INPUT APPARATUS, DATA

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INPUT SYSTEM, DISPLAYED DATA

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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25. (Newly Added) In a monitoring system including a plurality of  
 2 differing measuring devices, each measuring a parameter of an object and  
 3 displaying a parameter value on a display, a method of recording the parameter  
 4 value from each measuring device comprising the steps of:
- 5 (a) identifying each respective measuring device;
- 6 (b) scanning a display of the measuring device identified in step  
 7 (a) to extract a parameter value displayed on the display; and
- 8 (c) inputting the parameter value extracted in step (b) to a data  
 9 collection terminal.
26. (Newly Added) The monitoring system of claim 25 wherein step (a)  
 2 includes forming a marker on the display and identifying the respective measuring  
 3 device by scanning the marker.
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